



ELERMORE ENDEAVOUR

Term 1 Week 3
15th February 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of Week 3 already! I am so lucky to have had the opportunity to work in many classrooms this week. I have been particularly impressed with how focused and settled our students have been.

In 3/4L this week, I saw the students working on developing their touch typing skills. I remember learning this skill on a clunky old typewriter with a book to guide my technique (hard to believe since I'm only 28!). The students in Mrs Locking's class all had their own laptops and they were working at their own pace to practise their skills. With NAPLAN being online for Years 3 and Year 5 this year, all students are working towards improving their typing skills. Well done 3/4L!

In 2/3K this week, I was able to see how much the students have improved with their spelling. Mrs Kerr is doing a wonderful job, personalising learning for her students. I was very impressed with some of the challenging words that the students were learning. You are all superstars in 2/3K!

On Wednesday, the students in 1W brought their learning activity up to the staffroom. They were using our kitchen to make 'Frogs in the Pond'. The students were so engaged in this activity and I could see that Ms Walters was using a cross curricular approach, integrating, literacy and numeracy, in this lesson. I hope your frogs tasted fantastic 1W!

Today I was fortunate enough to visit the preschool, where they were busily categorising animals. The students had lots of categories, such as, farm animals, jungle animals and insects. Miss D even taught them about arachnids so they could create a category for the spiders. Miss D and Mrs Morgan run a magnificent program in our preschool and we are so lucky to have delightful students to teach.

Stage 2 and Stage 3 were lucky enough to have a cyber safety talk delivered by the NRL yesterday. They even had special guests from the Newcastle Knights work with them. It was wonderful to receive an email from the NRL this morning, commending our students on their exemplary behaviour. Well done EVPS!

Interest Groups

This term our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students will be trialling an Interest Groups program. This program will run on alternate Monday afternoons from the primary assemblies. Students have been able to choose an activity in which to participate that is of interest to them. The activities include, School Band, Star Struck Dance, Debating, Coding, Japanese Language, Soccer, Photography, Science in Action and Visual Arts. If this program is successful, we will look at extending it into Term 2.

Term 1 Week 4	
Infants Assembly 2pm – 2M	Mon 18/2
PSSA Cricket Trials –Boys	Mon 18/2
Student Leaders Day – Biddabah P.S.	Wed 20/2
Crossroads Zone Swimming Carnival	Thur 21/2
PSSA Primary Tennis Trial	Fri 22/2
Term 1 Week 5	
Primary Assembly 2pm – 5/6W	Mon 25/2
Woolworths Cricket Bash	Tue 26/2
PSSA Primary Diving Trials	Tue 26/2
GTHS Yr 6 Student Information Session	Wed 27/2
PSSA Primary Cricket - Girls	Fri 1/3
Term 1 Week 6	
Infants Assembly 2pm – 2G	Mon 4/3
PSSA Primary Swimming Championship	Tue 5/3
Woolworths Cricket Bash	Tue 5/3
PSSA Soccer Trials – Boys & Girls	Thur 7/3
PSSA Primary Cricket - Boys	Fri 8/3
PSSA Netball Trials	Fri 8/3

Meet the Teacher

On Wednesday, 6 March, between 3:15 and 4:15pm, we are opening up our classrooms for our parents and carers to meet the teacher. This is an informal drop in session, where you will be able to meet your child's teacher for 2019, see the classroom and collect an information flyer about the year ahead. If you cannot make this event, or you need time to discuss your child in more detail, please contact the school office to make an appointment. Formal parent/teacher interviews will be conducted in Term 3, after the half yearly reports have been issued.

Have a great week!

Cassie Bate-Barnier
Principal (Rel)

Notification of Whole day and Part-day Absences

When notifying the school of your child's absence for a whole day, the EVPS Skoolbag app is a quick and easy way of letting your child's teacher know about the absence. However, when notifying the school that your child needs to leave early or that your child has arrived to school late, it will be necessary for you to obtain an early departure or late arrival slip from the front office so that you or your child can hand this to the appropriate classroom teacher when arriving or departing with your child.

Fiona Tweedie
Assistant Principal

IW have been busy in Science learning about Push and Pull forces.

We investigated how there are forces all around us and that Science helps us to understand how things move and change.



In Visual Art IW enjoyed making our Fantastic Flying Fish.



Library Matters

The school library is open at lunch times from Monday to Thursday for various activities as shown below.



Bookclub

Orders for bookclub can now also be placed through LOOP. Issue 1 extension for online orders by 17th February, 2019



Book Club LOOP

for Parents

LOOP

is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

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 Download on the
App Store

Library borrowing days:

Please help your child to remember to return their library books in their bag on their library day.

Monday: 1W and 1C
 Tuesday: 1L, KW, 2G, 5/6B and 2/3K
 Wednesday: KB, KT, 2M and 3/4K
 Thursday: 5/6G, 5/6W, 3/4G, 5/6H and 3/4L

Borrowing limits are as follows:

Kindergarten: 1 book
 Year 1 and 2: 2 books
 Year 3: 3 books
 Year 4, 5 and 6: 4 books

Students are also welcome to borrow at lunch times on any day.

Helen Styan
 Journeying into librarianship

NRL Cyber Safety Visit

'We were very lucky to have the NRL and Newcastle Knights deliver an informative Cyber Safety Program to our Primary Students. The presentation covered the topics of cyber bullying, information sharing and how to avoid those pesky online scammers.

The NRL Game and Development Officer commented on how well behaved our students were. It was great to see all students safe, focused and respectful. Ellie the Eagle is very proud of you all!'

Mr Wlodarczyk



We are Safe

We are Respectful

We are Focused

New app to help parents 'save the date to vaccinate'

On-time vaccination is your child's best protection against serious diseases. If children are not up to date with their vaccinations, it can also impact enrolment in child care and access to family assistance payments.

NSW Health has just released an improved Save The Date To Vaccinate app. This app helps you stay on top of your child's immunisations and makes it easier for you to keep your child protected from serious preventable diseases.

Simply download the app, set up your child's profiles and the app will create your family's recommended immunisation schedules, along with handy reminders for when vaccines are due.

A childhood immunisation rate of 95% is necessary to control preventable diseases (known as 'herd immunity'). While over 94% of children in NSW are fully immunised, over 105,000 babies are born in NSW every year so it's really important that all parents know to vaccinate their children on time. By vaccinating, you're protecting your child as well as people in the community who can't be vaccinated themselves – including children with serious illnesses like cancer.

The free Save the Date to Vaccinate app can be downloaded on Apple or Android devices.

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Download the free Save The Date To Vaccinate app

Available on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

It's in your hands
immunisation.health.nsw.gov.au

The Autism Summit

The Autism Summit is around the corner! It is a FREE & ONLINE EVENT which offers a smorgasbord of ideas and interventions for parents of children with autism.

The Autism Summit is jam packed with Australian trailblazers, innovators and inspirational speakers including Tony Attwood, Maggie Dent, Jeanette Purkis, Chris Varney and so many more extraordinary people. We also have brilliant speakers representing the AEIOU Foundation, Autism Spectrum Australia and The Lizard Centre. The Autism Summit will stream live on the website from April 1st – 5th (during Autism Awareness Week). The speaker timetable will come out in the next few weeks. For further information visit: autismsummit.com.au

FREE & ONLINE

the **autism** summit

1-5 APRIL 2019

autismsummit.com.au

Good for Kids good for life

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids program.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher valued up to \$100 per calendar year for each student enrolled in school.

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued.

To use the voucher, find a registered activity provider and present your voucher when you sign up.

The program runs year round, so kids can get active at any time!
Visit www.service.nsw.gov.au/active-kids to apply

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Health Hunter New England Local Health District

HNEHLD-GoodForKids@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

P&C Information <http://www.elmoreva-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/your-p-c>



Feel free to contact us at evpspandc@gmail.com

P&C Meeting

Our P&C meeting is on next **Tuesday, 19th February**, from 6.30pm in the library. Please send any agenda items to evpspandc@gmail.com by Monday, 18th February. Everyone is welcome!

P&C Annual General Meeting

The P&C AGM will be held on **Tuesday, 19th March**. Everyone is welcome to come along!

All [office-bearer positions](#) will be open for election, with only financial members able to stand and/or vote for the following positions:

The P&C Executive positions include:

- President
- Vice President x 2
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer

The Sub-Committee positions include:

- CAPA Convenor
- Canteen Convenor
- Canteen Secretary
- Canteen Treasurer
- Fundraising Convenor
- Publicity & Promotions Officer

Current P&C Members are eligible to nominate and/or vote for a position at the AGM, as membership renewals are due after the AGM. If you are joining the P&C in 2019 and wish to hold, and/or vote for, a position, you need to:

- Complete a membership form and pay your \$2 membership fee (at or prior to the February meeting).
- Attend the first P&C meeting of the year.
- Complete a nomination form.
- Attend the AGM to nominate or vote for a position.

All completed nomination forms need to be returned to the office by 3pm on 19th March.

School Banking Volunteers NEEDED!

We would ideally like a pool of volunteers to help with our school banking program. School banking happens every Wednesday from 8.45am where student's bank deposits and rewards are processed. Full training will be provided. If you can help during this time, we would be most grateful.

Please contact the P&C at evpspandc@gmail.com or leave your details at the office and our banking representatives will be in touch soon.

Shaft Tavern Raffle Volunteers NEEDED!

Nadine and Mel had a fantastic night at the Shaft Tavern running the raffle this week. Thank you so much for volunteering your time! We raised \$185 on our very first night, such a fantastic result and we had some lucky winners from our school community too.

Now can YOU spare a Thursday night to help run the raffle? The Raffle is held each Thursday night with your presence required from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Running the raffle will require a rotating roster of volunteers to share the load throughout the year, and we need volunteers from March onwards. Help and guidance will be provided.

If you are able to help with this fundraising initiative, please contact the P&C at evpspandc@gmail.com, and we will notify everyone with a roster ASAP. Thank you in advance for your support.

Canteen Roster

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	February 18	February 19	February 20	February 21	February 22
3	Marg Evans	Debbie & Neville	Di Ramsay	Sylvia	Debbie & Neville

Deb can be contacted on 4955 9016 or 0403 597 582 with any questions regarding the Canteen.





**Elmore Vale Public School
P&C Association
Membership Form**



The Elmore Vale Public School P&C Association ("the P&C") is a not-for-profit organisation which is established to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and staff together to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school, and promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school. The P&C is committed to supporting our school through a close partnership with parents, staff, students and the community.

P&C Meetings are held every third Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm in the School Library.

Membership of the P&C is open to all parents and guardians of students attending the school and to all citizens. The P&C is always keen to welcome new members and particularly members who have an interest in, or utilise, the services provided by the P&C, such as our OOSH, CAPA activities (Band, Choir, Dance Groups, etc), and the Canteen. The P&C operates several Sub-Committees, including Banking, CAPA (Creative & Performing Arts), Canteen and Fundraising, where your contribution would be greatly appreciated.

Annual membership is \$2.00 and entitles you to be involved in the decision making of the P&C.

When you become a financial member you agree to follow the Constitution, By-Laws, Code of Conduct and Sub-Committee Rules as adopted by the P&C (copies of these materials are available on the P&C section of the School's website or from the P&C Secretary). You are recognised as a financial member of the P&C after the meeting closes at which you submit your payment. The Treasurer will issue a receipt for your payment. Please retain it as proof of your membership for the current P&C year.

If you are interested in becoming a member please complete the form below and bring it with you to the next meeting of the P&C or if you are unable to attend the next meeting you can submit this form and payment to the Treasurer via the School Office.

Thank you for your interest! We look forward to seeing you at a meeting soon!

P&C Information: <http://www.elmoreva-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/your-p-c>

Contact the P&C at: evpspandc@gmail.com

Name: _____ (please print clearly)

School Community Member Type: **Parent** / **Citizen** (circle as appropriate)

Residential Address: _____

Contact Telephone Number: _____

Email Address for Meeting Notices & Updates _____

I include a payment of \$2.00 to become a financial member of the *Elmore Vale Public School* P&C Association. I acknowledge that I am aware of, and that I agree to follow the Constitution, By-Laws, Code of Conduct and Sub-Committee rules as adopted by the Elmore Vale Public School P&C Association.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Details of Payment (Executive Use Only)

Receipt No.: _____ Receipt From: _____

Signed Treasurer.: _____

Date: _____



ELERMORE VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

P&C ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE POSITION NOMINATION FORM



PART 1: COMPLETED BY NOMINATOR AND SECONDER

Name of person nominated
(Candidate)
for position of

Full Name Mr / Mrs / Ms
(Nominator)

Child in Class.....

Signature

Full Name Mr / Mrs / Ms
(Seconder)

Child in Class

Signature

PART 2: COMPLETED BY THE CANDIDATE

Name

Child in Class.....

I accept nomination for position of
on Elermore Vale P & C Committee.

Signed Date.....

Please supply the information below and any other information which you feel will assist
in your election. Use the reverse side of page if necessary.

Personal qualifications and interests.....
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What you hope to achieve through the P&C
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Meet Our OSHC Team

The Educators managing the Outside School Hours Care at Elermore Vale Public School are passionate and make sure they always provide a wide range of activities that engage all children each and every day at before and after school care.

They thoroughly enjoy what they do and take their roles very seriously. Morgan is one such member of our team. Morgan is the Program Coordinator and has been working with Elermore Vale Public School since September 2017.

Morgan is an experienced and qualified Educator with expertise in working with children in OSHC. As part of Morgan's role as an Educator with Camp Australia, she has completed compulsory training in Active Supervision (VSHAPE), Child Protection and Camp Australia policies and procedures to ensure the service is safe and engaging for all children in their care.

Between the hours of 7-8:30am and 3-6pm, Morgan can be seen chatting with the children who attend OSHC. Her favourite activity is discussing the children's days and getting to know their interests, so that she can customize the program to suit those who attend at OSHC.

If you haven't met Morgan, please feel free to pop in and visit our before or after school care program.

Register and Book Now

To register and book your child in our program, visit www.campaustralia.com.au and use the school finder on our homepage to search for Elermore Vale Public School. To secure your child's spot, we always recommend making your bookings in advance.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia